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1. There had been too much talk about the formation of a new political party in the Russian Zone and the cause had been an indiscretion on the part of a responsible comrade, who had spoken out of turn. The facts of the case were that a meeting had been held in July 1947, called by the Soviet authorities, and attended by SED officials, members of the "Freies Deutschland" movement and two members of the LDP, one of whom was Dr. Kulz.
2. The conference had discussed the question of creating a new political party in the event of the Russian Zone's becoming independent should the London Conference fail. The conference prepared a memorandum which was submitted to Marshal Sokolovski. Subsequently further meetings were held, but the LDP representatives were excluded.
3. The belief at the moment was that members of "Freies Deutschland" should assume leadership of the new party. However, it was silly to think that either Paulus or Seyditz would be given any responsible position; the former had no influence any longer, and the latter was not trusted by the Russians. One heard frequent mention, however, of Einsiedel and Steidle.

Comment: It is assumed that Steidle is Colonel Luitpold Steidle of "Freies Deutschland", now Vice-President of the Zentralverwaltung für Land- und Forstwirtschaft.

the party would be formed, perhaps in order
that reactionary circles might be discerned. The LDP and CDU would certainly
disappear.

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